

REMARKS

Favorable consideration and allowance are respectfully requested for claims 12-23 and 27-30 in view of the following remarks.

Status of the Application

Claims 12-23 and 27-30 are pending in this application. Claims 1-11 were previously canceled. Claims 12-16 and 21-30 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0046359 to Betz *et al.* (the “Betz publication”). Claims 17-20 were objected to. Claims 24-26 have been cancelled. Claims 23 and 27 have been amended.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)

According to the Examiner, the Betz publication discloses each of the limitations of independent claims 12, 21, and 23. In response, Applicants respectfully assert that the Betz publication does not disclose that the boot program starts the application program.

In particular, the text in the Betz publication cited by the Examiner, ¶ [0036], discloses, in relevant part, that, “At step 406 the boot program is used to retrieve and, if necessary, decompress one or more programs stored in the FLASH memory 185. At step 408, the decompressed main programs are stored in the SDRAM 185.” Neither this text nor the disclosure in Figure 4 of the Betz publication indicates that the boot program is used to start the application program; instead, the boot program in the Betz publication merely retrieves and decompresses main programs. Therefore, Applicants believe that independent

claims 12, 21, and 23 are patentable over the Betz publication. As claims 13-20, 22, and 27-30 depend directly or indirectly from claims 12, 21, and 23, respectively, Applicants respectfully assert that these claims are also patentable.

Objection to Claims 17-20

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the indication of allowable subject matter with respect to claims 17-20. For the reasons stated above, however, Applicants believe that these claims need not be rewritten to be in allowable form.

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If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #010408.52554US).

Respectfully submitted,

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